

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 13, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC  
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tina Fletcher, LPN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Worthy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Blalock moved, Barton seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, September 13, 2018 Worthy declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Barton moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI190051** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a revocation.

**RNI190079** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI190025** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Misrepresentation).

**RNI190060** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI171010** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

**RNI180883** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), quarterly hair follicle testing for twelve (12) months, random urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI180144** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI180353** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180229** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI190186** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI170858** – Refer to the Office of Inspector General's Office to obtain patient records.

**RNI190149** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, monthly PEth tests for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180837** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

**RNI190047** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, monthly PEth tests for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI180227** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle testing for twelve (12) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, Disciplinary Actions in Nursing, Dealing with Difficult Patients, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI181381** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

**RNI181325** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

**RNI190182** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement for a fine of \$500 for (False/Misleading Statement). Must submit final adjudication within ten (10) days of sentencing for criminal charges pending.

**RNI190206** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), quarterly hair follicle testing with EtG and EtS for twenty-four (24) months, random urine drug screens throughout the consent agreement, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Upon receipt of the signed public consent agreement and approved re-entry program, issue a temporary license for re-entry.

**LPNI190074** – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal and Action in Another Jurisdiction).

**RNI180001** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170398** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle testing with EtG and EtS for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI140159** – Once reentry program is approved, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle with EtG and EtS for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout, psychotherapy-addictionologist: monthly for twelve (12) months then quarterly, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180505** – Refer for a peer review.


**RNI190214** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 (Fraudulent/Misleading Statement).

**RNI180318** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle with EtG and EtS and quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Professional Wrongdoing: Reconciliation and Recovery, Understanding the Disease of Addiction, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and a fine of \$500 (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI170371** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of Intensive Outpatient Program completion, one quarter of compliance of quarterly reports, documentation of completed coursework and submission of Consent Order Review form.

**RNI190225** – Deny the license. May reapply upon completion of the Alabama Board of Nursing monitoring contract.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 5:07 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*